

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN CINDY YOUNKIN**, on January 17, 2003 at 3:02 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Cindy Younkin, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gail Gutsche, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jim Peterson, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. George Everett (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)
Rep. Christopher Harris (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Rick Maedje (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Brad Newman (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Larry Mitchell, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 202, 1/6/2003; HB 218,
1/6/2003

Executive Action: HB 173, TABLED

HEARING ON HB 218

Sponsor: REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE, HD 71, ALBERTON

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:05 p.m. REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE

EXHIBIT (nah10a01)

EXHIBIT (nah10a02)

EXHIBIT (nah10a03)

EXHIBIT (nah10a04)

EXHIBIT (nah10a05)

Proponents' Testimony:

3:22 p.m. Roger Chalmers, Missoula County

3:22 p.m. Jim Greene, Montana Department of Military Affairs

EXHIBIT (nah10a06)

3:24 p.m. Sean Driscoll, Chief, Highway Patrol

3:25 p.m. Matt Brainard, Public Service Commissioner

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

3:26 p.m. Pat Keim, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad

3:32 p.m. Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

3:33 p.m. Mike Halligan, Washington Corporation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

3:34 p.m. REP. LAMBERT

3:35 p.m. REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE

3:35 p.m. REP. DICKENSON

3:36 p.m. REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE

3:36 p.m. REP. DICKENSON

3:36 p.m. REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE

3:37 p.m. REP. HARRIS

3:37 p.m. Mike Halligan

3:38 p.m. Pat Keim

3:40 p.m. REP. HARRIS

3:40 p.m. Pat Keim

3:40 p.m. REP. ERICKSON

3:41 p.m. REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE

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3:41 p.m. REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE

3:41 p.m. REP. ERICKSON

3:42 p.m. REP. BARRETT

3:41 p.m. Pat Keim

Closing by Sponsor:

3:42 p.m. REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE

HEARING ON HB 202

Sponsor: REP. HARRIS, HD 30, BOZEMAN

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

3:50 p.m. REP. HARRIS

EXHIBIT (nah10a07)

Proponents' Testimony:

3:54 p.m. Steve Welch, Department of Environmental Quality,
Permitting and Compliance Division

EXHIBIT (nah10a08)

Opponents' Testimony:

3:57 p.m. Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

4:04 p.m. Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors' Association

4:06 p.m. John Wilson, Conservation Director, Montana Trout Unlimited

EXHIBIT(nah10a09)

4:14 p.m. Jeff Barber, Montana Environmental Information Center

4:19 p.m. Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana

4:20 p.m. Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council

4:22 p.m. Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association

4:24 p.m. John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers' Association

4:28 p.m. Dave Galt, Director, Department of Transportation
EXHIBIT(nah10a10)

Informational Testimony:

4:30 p.m. REP. ERICKSON

4:30 p.m. Lyle Manley, Staff Attorney, Department of Transportation
EXHIBIT(nah10a11)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

4:33 p.m. REP. ERICKSON

4:34 p.m. REP. HARRIS

4:34 p.m. REP. ERICKSON

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4:33 p.m. REP. MAEDJE

4:34 p.m. Steve Welch

4:35 p.m. REP. MAEDJE

4:36 p.m. **John Bloomquist, Montana Stockgrowers' Association**

4:36 p.m. **CHAIRMAN YOUNKIN**

4:37 p.m. **John Wilson**

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Closing by Sponsor:

4:40 p.m. **REP. HARRIS**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 173

Motion: 4:41 p.m. **REP. GUTSCHE** moved that **HB 173 DO PASS.**

Substitute Motion/Vote: 4:41 p.m. **REP. LAMBERT** made a substitute motion that **HB 173 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried unanimously** by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:42 P.M.

REP. CINDY YOUNKIN, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (nah10aad)